

# AMEX RESOURCES LIMITED (ASX: AXZ)

# QUARTERLY REPORT

The Manager - Company Announcements Office Australian Securities Exchange Exchange Centre 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 20 Bridge Street Sydney NSW 2000 30 January, 2015

Dear Sir,

# QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2014

Amex Resources Limited (Amex) is pleased to update shareholders and investors on the Company's activities during the quarter. Highlights are as follows:

## MBA DELTA IRONSANDS PROJECT - FIJI

- Contract with MCCO Terminated
- Advanced Discussions with Preferred Contractor to Expedite Project Construction
- Short Term Loan Refinancing
- Port Lease and Mining Lease Terms Amended to Accommodate Delays



Simulation of Amex Lautoka Port Site and Facilities

### MBA DELTA IRONSANDS PROJECT - FIJI

With a projected very low operating cost of US\$26/t over its 20 year mine life, Amex's 100% owned Mba Delta Project remains economically robust despite current low iron ore prices. The Board is confident that Amex is well-positioned to take advantage of an iron ore price recovery in the lead up to production.

Ironsands concentrate will be produced at the Mba delta by dredge/floating process plant and transported daily by barge to the nearby Lautoka port site which will comprise a dedicated berth for vessels of up to 60,000t capacity, barge unloading facility, washing plant to remove sea salt, enclosed stockpile shed, ship loading infrastructure, workshops and offices.

# Fiji Update

The national democratic elections on September 17 resulted in a return of the Government led by the Prime Minister, the Hon Voreqe Bainimarama, and the appointment of a new Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, the Hon Mereseini Vuniwaqa. The new Minister was formerly Acting Permanent Secretary for Justice and Anti-Corruption, and holds a legal degree and post graduate qualifications gained in Australia.

During the quarter, Amex met with the new Minister and provided a detailed briefing of the project and the Company. Amex MD Matthew Collard also represented the Company at official functions during the November 2014 visit to Fiji of the President of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Xi Jinping,

## **Ironsands Project Contract**

On 8 January 2015, the Company issued its contractor, MCC Overseas Limited (MCCO), a notice of termination of the fixed price US\$100m FIDIC design, procurement and construction contract signed in December 2013 between Amex and MCCO. The Contract included provision of a US\$80m funding component by MCCO.

During 2014, MCCO requested time to restructure its internal funding arrangements but despite extensive negotiations and cooperation from Amex, MCCO failed to finalise that restructure. MCCO has failed to proceed with the works as required by the Contract during this time and is in default of the Contract in a way which Amex considers demonstrates MCCO's intention not to meet its contractual commitments.

The Advance Payment of US\$20m made by Amex on 6 January 2014 is required to be repaid on the Contract's termination. A letter of demand has been issued together with a claim for loss and damages.

Due to the project commencement delays during 2014 resulting from the contractor's non-performance, Amex applied for adjustments to date-specific terms in the Port Lease and the Special Mining Lease SML60. The port site lessor, Fiji Ports Corporation Limited, has granted the Company a further two year extension to the construction period under the Lautoka port lease and the Mineral Resources Department has extended special condition 17 of the SML60 in relation to commencement date of mining operations on the delta. Duration of the port and mining leases remains at up to 45 years and 21 years, respectively.

Amex has initiated detailed discussions with the aim of concluding a new design, procurement and construction contract as soon as possible. The preferred contractor is a highly regarded international port infrastructure specialist, with previous experience in Fiji and knowledge of the Mba Delta project.

#### CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

#### Short Term Loan

Amex has reached agreement with the private lender to further extend the short term loan to 31 March 2015. As part of the arrangement Amex has repaid US\$5m to the private lender on 15 January, with interest on the outstanding principal to be paid at a rate of 25% per annum on maturity.



The initial payment of US\$20 million made under the FIDIC Contract was funded by the short term loan, arranged with a private investor and announced to ASX on 23 December 2013. The term was previously extended to 5 November 2014 at the discretion of the Company. As part consideration for the extension, the Company issued 6.5 million shares on 13 October 2014.

### **Unsecured Loan Facility**

The Company has negotiated an unsecured loan to the amount of US\$6m at a rate of 25% per annum paid in advance for a period of 3 months. The funds raised have been used to repay US\$5m of the short term loan and provide additional working capital.

## **Equity Placement**

The Company completed a private placement of 2,694,805 shares at an issue price of \$0.70 to sophisticated investors on 17 November 2014, raising \$1.89 million for working capital and repayment of interest.

## **Annual General Meeting**

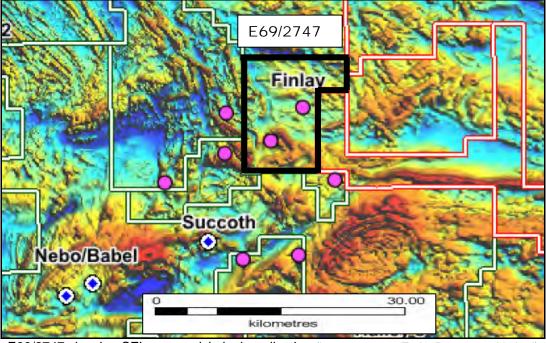
At the AGM held on 27 November, 2014. all resolutions were passed unanimously by show of hands.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PROJECTS

No field work was undertaken on the 100% owned Paraburdoo South iron ore project during the quarter.

Amex has a 10% interest in E69/2747 in the Musgrave region of WA, free carried to feasibility, with Traka Resources Limited as operator and registered holder of the remaining interest.

The Company's tenure abuts the project area of Cassini Resources Limited (ASX: CZI) which hosts the Nebo and Babel Ni-Cu JORC resources and the Succoth copper prospect. CZI stated that new drill results "confirm Succoth as a globally significant greenfield copper project in a recent ASX release."



E69/2747 showing CZI copper-nickel mineralisation (image source: Traka Resources Limited)

Further details of CZI's exploration, including the Competent Person's Statement, are available on its website at www.cassiniresources.com.au or the ASX website.



#### CONCLUSION

As announced, the Company is taking steps to appoint an alternative contractor and arrange alternative funding to expedite construction of the Amex's 100% owned Mba Delta Ironsands Project, following termination of the previous contract through non-performance.

We look forward to continue updating shareholders on further progress over the coming quarter.

Yours faithfully,

## Matthew Collard Managing Director

**Amex Resources Limited** 

#### **Competent Person Statement**

Contents of this report relating to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves for the Mba Delta Project are based on information compiled by consulting geologist Geoffrey Richards of Lionhart Consulting Services, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Richards has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (the JORC Code). Mr Richards consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Contents of this report relating to Exploration Results are based on information compiled by consulting geologist lan Cowden of lana Pty Ltd, who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Cowden has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" (the JORC Code). Mr Cowden consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This document may include forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning Amex Resources Limited's planned exploration programme and other statements that are not historical facts. When used in this document, the words such as "could," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may", "potential," "should," and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. Although Amex Resources Limited believes that its expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties and no assurance can be given that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.



# Corporate Information

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At 31 December 2014, Amex had 525 shareholders with issued capital of 92,340,857 fully paid ordinary shares and

25,475,000 unlisted options.

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Mining Tenements held at 31 December 2014

Tenement	Location	Project	Interest	
SML60	Ba, Fiji	Mba Delta	100%	
SPL1463	Ba, Fiji	Mba Delta	100%	
SSR13	Lautoka,Fiji	Mba Delta	100%	
E47/2435-I	Paraburdoo, WA	Turee Creek	100%	
E52/2561-I	Paraburdoo, WA	Mt Maguire	100%	
E69/2747	Jameson, WA	Musgrave JV	10%	

No tenements were acquired or disposed of during the quarter

Joint Venture interests at 31 December 2014

Tenement	Location	Project	Interest		
E69/2747	Jameson, WA	Musgrave JV	10%		
No Joint Venture interests were acquired or disposed of during the quarter					

